

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on April 26, 2005. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action of April 26, 2005 claims 1-42 were pending. By way of the present response the Applicant has: 1) amended claim 1; 2) canceled claims 2, 6, 7 and 16-42; and, 3) added new claims 43 - 51. As such claims 1, 3-5, 8-15 and 43 - 51 are presently pending. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 8-15, and 43 - 48.


In the Office Action mailed April 26, 2005 the Examiner indicated that claims 7, 13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, the Applicant has herewith: 1) amended claim 1 so as to correspond to claim 7 written in independent form; 2) added new independent claim 43 which has been written to correspond to claim 13 written in independent form; and, 3) added new independent claim 48 which corresponds to claim 15 written in independent form. The applicant respectfully submits that all claims are presently allowable and respectfully requests the allowance of the same.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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